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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC: INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON RESTRUCTURING

1. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON UN RESTRUCTURING GOT OFF TO A SPUTTERING START THIS WEEK. IN SPITE OF CHAIRMAN DEDZIE'S HOPES THAT COUNTRIES WOULD GIVE REACTIONS FROM GOVERNMENTS TO HIS DRAFT, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE G-77 WERE UNABLE TO DO SO AND, IN FACT COULD ONLY REITERATE POSITIONS THEY HAD TAKEN IN THEIR ORIGINAL DRAFT. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE AND THE OTHER WEO'S INDICATED OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO PRESENT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AND CHANGES. THUS CHANCES ARE THAT THIS READING OF DADZIE'S PAER WILL BE NOTHING MOORE THAN A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

2. IN ADDITION, A MAJOR IMBROGLIO HAS ARISEN WITHIN THE G-77 WITH MEXICO INSISTING THAT PARAGRAPHS 2-6 OF SECTION V (OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES) BE PUT IN BRACKETS AS A PRECONDITION FOR MEXICO'S CONTINUING PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSULTATIONS.

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THIS STRONGLY OPPOSED BY PAKISTAN AND YUGOSLAVIA. THE

SCENE IS COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT MEXICO IS THE G-77 COORDINATOR ON RESTRUCTURING AND WE NOW HEAR RUMORS THAT EFFORTS MIGHT BE UNDER WAY TO UNSEAT THEM. SUDAN HAS FORMALLY COME FORWARD WITH A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, A PROPOSAL WHICH AS YET DOES NOT ENJOY COMPLETE G-77 SUPPORT BUT REPRESENTS SUDANESE INTERESTS IN PROMOTING THEIR CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION WITH REPORTEDLY OAU AND ARAB BACKING.

3. COMMENT: UNLESS SOMETHING UNEXPECTED HAPPENS, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THIS ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WILL BE VERY PRODUCTIVE. WE WILL, HOWEVER, TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SIT DOWN WITH THE EC-9 TO COORDINATE OUR POSITIONS ON DEALING WITH THE DADZIE DRAFT.DALE

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